**Grants for Municipal Corporations and Municipalities**

1224. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether many hurdles are coming in the way of development of cities because of low-income of Municipal Corporations and Municipalities;

(b) whether Government has formulated any scheme for extending financial grants to Municipal Corporations and Municipalities; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (c) The Urban Local Bodies in India face several challenges including inadequate devolution of funds, functions and functionaries. The internal resources of the Urban Local Bodies contribute only about 50% of the expenditure of the municipal bodies and they have to depend upon transfers from States and Union Government to meet their expenditure in relation to provision of basics services and infrastructure.

Government of India has launched the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) on 3rd December 2005 (NHSDP) for catering to rest of the cities in the country. The details of projects sanctioned and Central assistance released so far under UIG, BSUP, UIDSSMT and IHSDP are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

| Name of scheme | No. of Projects sanctioned | Total sanctioned cost | Total central share | Central assistance released |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| UIG | 356 | 34107.18 | 16491.36 | 5128.56 |
| BSUP | 284 | 17996.28 | 9032.49 | 2591.08 |
| UIDSSMT | 505 | 7646.47 | 6161.50 | 3192.39 |
| IHSDP | 506 | 4659.80 | 3283.66 | 1635.49 |

**Requirement of housing accommodation till Commonwealth Games**

†1225. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has conducted any survey in respect of the number of housing accommodation required till the organisation of Commonwealth Games and the details of the schemes formulated to meet the same; and

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(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Based on the requirement projected by the Organizing Committee of the Commonwealth Games 2010, the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has been entrusted with the construction of the Commonwealth Games Village to accommodate 8000 athletes and officials during the Games. As part of this project, DDA is constructing 1168 apartments with 4008 rooms on double occupancy basis. Further, the additional accommodation required during the Games is to be provided through creation of additional hotel rooms, not only in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi, but also at other locations in the National Capital Region. The Bed and Breakfast Scheme launched by the Government of NCT of Delhi and liberalization of guest house norms are some additional measures to augment accommodation in the city for the Games.

**Financial assistance under UIDSSMT**

†1226. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Maharashtra has sent some proposals to the Central Government under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Towns (UIDSSMT);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of financial assistance released for these schemes so far; and

(d) the additional financial assistance Government proposes to release during this very financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) of Maharashtra has recommended 115 projects on various components under Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme for Small and Medium Town (UIDSSMT), out of which 34 projects at an approved cost of Rs. 77356.76 lakh involving total Central commitment of Rs. 62476.87 lakh have been sanctioned so far.

(c) and (d) Rs. 21949.44 lakh has been released as 1st installment of Additional Central Assistance (ACA) during 2006-07, 2007-08 and during the current financial year *i.e.* 2008-09 and amount of Rs. 9589.30 lakh as ACA has been released to the State as per priority provided by the State.

**Project reports on development of towns**

1227. SHRI RAJNITI PRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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